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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001 in the above-referenced application. A Notice of Appeal and Petition for a Two Months Extension of Time are filed concurrently herewith. Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 24-27 without prejudice, and replace pending claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 23, 30, 32 and 33 with the claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 23, 30, 32 and 33, respectively, set forth below:

1. (Amended) A controlled release pharmaceutical delivery device which provides sustained or pulsatile delivery of a selected pharmaceutically active substance for a predetermined period of time, said device comprising;
- up to about 50% by weight covalently crosslinked water insoluble, water-swellaable polymers comprising polymers of acrylic acid crosslinked with polyalkenyl alcohols or divinyl alcohol;